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SUBJ: WEST GERMAN SPD PARLIAMENTARIAN DENIES

GERMANY GAVE ARMS TO PORTUGAL

USUN FOR AMB SCOTT

1. BRUNO FRIEDERICH, SPD FIGURE AND MEMBER OF BUNDESTAG, HAS BEEN IN PORTUGAL AT INVITATION OF PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY. DURING PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 1 HE RESPONDED TO SERIES OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING SUPPLY OF NATO ARMS FROM GERMANY TO PORTUGAL DURING OLD REGIME.

2. FRIEDERICH ACKNOWLEDGED THAT ECONOMIC AID HAD BEEN GIVEN ("A PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE CONDEMNED BECAUSE IT HAS AN AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENT"). HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO A PARLIAMENTARY RESOLUTION, GERMAN MILITARY AID WAS GIVEN ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH NATO AGREEMENTS. SUCH AID WAS NOT TO BE USED IN COLONIAL WARS. ARMS WERE NOT FURNISHED, BUT LICENSES WERE GRANTED TO THE PORTUGUESE, AS NATO ALLIES, TO BUILD GERMAN MILITARY EQUIPMENT IN PORTUGAL. IF, IN FACT, THIS EQUIPMENT WOUND UP BEING USED IN THE COLONIAL WARS, IT WAS ONLY UNCLASSIFIED

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BECAUSE IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE GERMANS TO KEEP

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